



23rd January 2026

Excalibur Primary School

Term: Spring 1 Week: Three

Reception Class Newsletter



This week we have looked at two books with the same title. We introduced non-fiction and fiction into our vocabulary as we compared them. The fiction book 'Pole's Apart' has seen us travel to different countries around the world. This will be continued next week through the story 'Emma Jane's Aeroplane'. The non-fiction 'Poles Apart', has helped us to find out a little bit more about the different habitats of the Arctic and Antarctic. We investigated how extra fat helps animals stay warmer in the cold. We worked collaboratively to make igloos using marshmallows and cotton wool. The children really enjoyed this as well as learning the incredibly catchy 'Penguin Dance' which can be found here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ufouKmkwnKs>



Super stars



Well done to Ava and Oskar our two stars of the week



Well done!

Maths



We used two wonderful stories, 'Who Sank the Boat?' and 'Balancing Act' to deepen our understanding of heavier and lighter. We explored making the bucket scales balance using different objects and challenged the misconception that larger objects are heavier and smaller objects are lighter.

Show and Tell – Items from around the world

Thank you to everyone who sent in items from another country for us to talk about. We have enjoyed exploring the world to find their country of origin. If you forgot this week it's fine to send something in next week. If your child already brought something this week they are welcome to bring another item next week. Please could you stick to your child's day so that we get time to look at them and we don't get too many on the same day.

Vocabulary of the week

Our words of the week this week were flabbergasted, lost, shocked, confuse and explore. Flabbergasted was our favourite!

Dates Ahead:

13th February – finish for half term
23rd February – back to school
19th March – Reception trip to the Hat Museum, Stockport (details will follow next week).

Have a wonderful weekend from the EYFS team

